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Senator Charles McC Mathias
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mac,

I'm glad I didn't get a chance to thank you for your letter ~~congratulating~~ kind offer of 7/31, because there is a strange juxtaposition in this morning's Post that is appropriate to it. I enclose two pages from my files, from one of the books I cannot get printed. After any use you may have for them is past, I'd appreciate their return.

There is one story, about which I'd heard earlier from a mutual friend, of the efforts of an editor to resist a subpoena by the Senate Operations Subcommittee, temporarily supported by the Court of Appeals. This man is Tom Sanders, who I met some years ago when I was making public appearances in the San Francisco area. The news accounts do not say it, but he is a white who edited a black publication. I believe he is a radicalized Methodist minister. I know he began adult life as a man of religion and I know he was, in the phrase of the young, "turned on" by the injustices he saw.

Then there is another reporting the deadpan acceptance by "the Senate Investigating subcommittee" (page A 7) of Major Robert K. Brown as a dispassionate expert. I infer this is the same committee, dealing with the same subject, bombings.

My file on Brown is much more extensive than the enclosed. In the book I show how he has compiled what can be the roster of potential storm troopers. He has supplied all the right-wing extremists with their know-how, aided, as he has been, by courses in two Army intelligence schools, and official tolerance of his involvement in such highly-motivated projects as violation of the neutrality laws, the training of Cuban mercenaries, close association with a band of ruffians who plotted invasions of Cuba and Haiti and other such worthwhile endeavors.

What I have written and not been able to print is, by now, much too extensive for you to be able to read it, with all that you must do. Nor could I begin, now, to background you on the work as it applies or can apply to those things that in one way or another might interest you now as part of your legislative duties. I have much data with which I would not trust this committee. In confidence, however, I tell you I am working with and sharing all knowledge with a police agency within our state, not a federal agency, for there is none I trust in this area.

Bombing is a subject that also interests me, for I fear the country will burn. I almost sold the idea of a book on it a month ago to a major publisher. His negative decision was based on the belief there is not now sufficient interest. In time, I think this will change. So, if it imposes no burden on your staff, I'd appreciate it if I could get Brown's testimony, as well as all other testimony, when it is printed. If this does not include the available government publications disclosing know-how and that can be obtained, I'd like that, too, to be masked in any ultimate use...I wish I could imagine McClelland exposing the manuals the right extreme has already issued on this subject. Sincerely, Harold Weisberg